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## Morris/Sussex Vicinage Hosts High School Mock Trial Competition

The Morris/Sussex Vicinage and the Morris County Bar Foundation will host the 2018 Vincent J. Apruzzese High School Mock Trial Competition on Monday, Jan. 29 in the Administration and Records Building, 10 Court St., Morristown.

The competition will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Winners of the competition will advance to compete for the title of Morris County mock trial champion on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Historic Courthouse, Washington and Court streets, Morristown.

This year's program features a fictional criminal case in which the defendant faces prison time for selling a deadly batch of fentanyl to her long-time friend. The students will play the roles of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, witnesses and jurors.

The vicinage and the Sussex County Bar Foundation hosted the competition in the Sussex County Historic Courthouse on Thursday, Jan. 25. Judge Paris Eliades and retired Judge James Farber presided over the final competition between High Point Regional and Newton High Schools' mock trial teams. High Point Regional earned the title of Sussex County mock trial champion.

High Point Regional High School and the winning school in Morris County will advance to the regional semifinals, where they will have a chance to advance to the state championship. The winners of the regional competitions will be honored at the vicinage Law Day celebrations in Newton and Morristown in May.

For more information on the mock trial competition or Law Day events, contact Ombudsman Jennifer Shultis at 973-656-3969.